

BOARD BRIEFS

January 10, 2005

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Klein reported that schools would be closed on Monday, January 17, in honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday. She also provided information about how the decision to close schools in Grosse Pointe is made. In addition, she noted that Michigan school systems were thanking their boards for their service. Here in Grosse Pointe, a tree will be planted on school system property in the board's honor.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

The Board approved the appointment of one professional instructional staff member, the leave of absence of one classroom assistance, and two resignations.

PILOT PROGRAM FOR HONORS JOURNALISM

The Board approved an Honors Journalism pilot program as an alternative to the traditional high school journalism class. The Honors Journalism course is a 10-credit course that fulfills one year of the graduation requirement in English.

BOARD MEETING CALENDAR

The Board approved changes in the regular Board calendar, moving the scheduled February 14, 2005, meeting to February 21, and the June 14 meeting to June 13.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Chris Fenton, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Support Services, provided information about the three millages that will be voted on during the February 22 election, and reported that absentee ballot applications are available on the school system's website. He reminded residents that they should contact their municipalities regarding polling locations now that the municipalities have taken over the administration of school elections.

Lee Warras, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment, and Technology, provided an update on the technology plan and achievements from 1995 to 2000. He also summarized step needed to continue making technological improvements in a time of financial constraints.

Updates were provided by the Project Oversight Committee, the Budget Committee, and the Revenue Enhancement Committee. In addition, information was provided about high school diplomas for World War II and Korean War veterans, revised rates for Extended Day Kindergarten, and enrollment projections.

FUTURE MEETINGS

A conference Board meeting will be held on Monday, February 7, 2005, and a regular meeting will be held on February 21, 2005. Both meetings will be held at 8 p.m. in Wicking Library at South High School.

Suzanne Klein